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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to address the matter of the settlement in the Microsoft Antitrust suit. I am in agreement with the current settlement insofar as to say that no further action should be taken against Microsoft.

Although I am in favor of accepting the antitrust settlement I believe that it was wrong from the start for Microsoft to have been sued. I do not think that Microsoft should have been penalized; rather, they should be rewarded for their innovation and creativity in the IT field. As I see it, the entire antitrust proceedings were unfounded and unfair to the concept of free enterprise.

Now is definitely not the time to be handicapping an industry leader such as Microsoft with costly and time-consuming litigation. The current downturn in our economy needs the stimulation which the IT field can generate. By tying up both corporate and taxpayer dollars in the courtroom we are depriving the economy of valuable resources, which could be used to help get our country back on track. For these reasons I believe that accepting the current settlement is not only in the best interest of Microsoft, but it also in the greater interest of the economy as a whole.

Sincerely,  
Nancy C. Battick